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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10/19/59

WEATHER The week was considerably cooler than normal, but with a few moderately warm days. Nights were generally cold, with freezing temperatures over the entire State on Saturday morning, and on several mornings over the western and most of the northern portions of the State. Skies were generally clear, humidity was low, and wind movement rather light.

CROPS With clear weather, field activity began to move into high gear throughout the State during the week. Wheat seeding made marked headway in the southeast where farmers had been delayed by wet fields for several weeks. Planting is nearly finished, although some bottom land fields and excessively wet local areas are yet to be seeded. Elsewhere, wheat seeding was about finished. Much of the crop in the western and northern districts is up and making good progress, although cool weather was a retarding factor.

Harvest of corn and sorghum grain started, with farmers giving first attention to sorghum. Much of the grain harvested, so far, has been artificially dried as moisture content has been too high for safe storage.

By last Saturday, about 20 percent of the sorghum grain crop was combined. Western districts are a little further advanced than the eastern sections, especially the southeast. Moisture content of sorghum grain was reported at an average of 17 percent for the State, with some southern counties as low as 12 to 15 percent.

Somewhat under 10 percent of the corn crop was picked by the end of last week. Moisture content of standing corn averaged 23 percent. Excellent yields of good quality corn are expected from the irrigated sections and eastern areas where record high yields are in prospect. A few sections still needed a hard frost, and most farmers were waiting for the moisture content to drop a little lower before starting full scale harvesting.

About a fourth of the soybean acreage is harvested. Moisture content is around 14 percent. Sugar beet harvesting made good strides last week. Dry bean harvest was resumed after being held up by wet weather. Some loss of yield and quality was experienced.

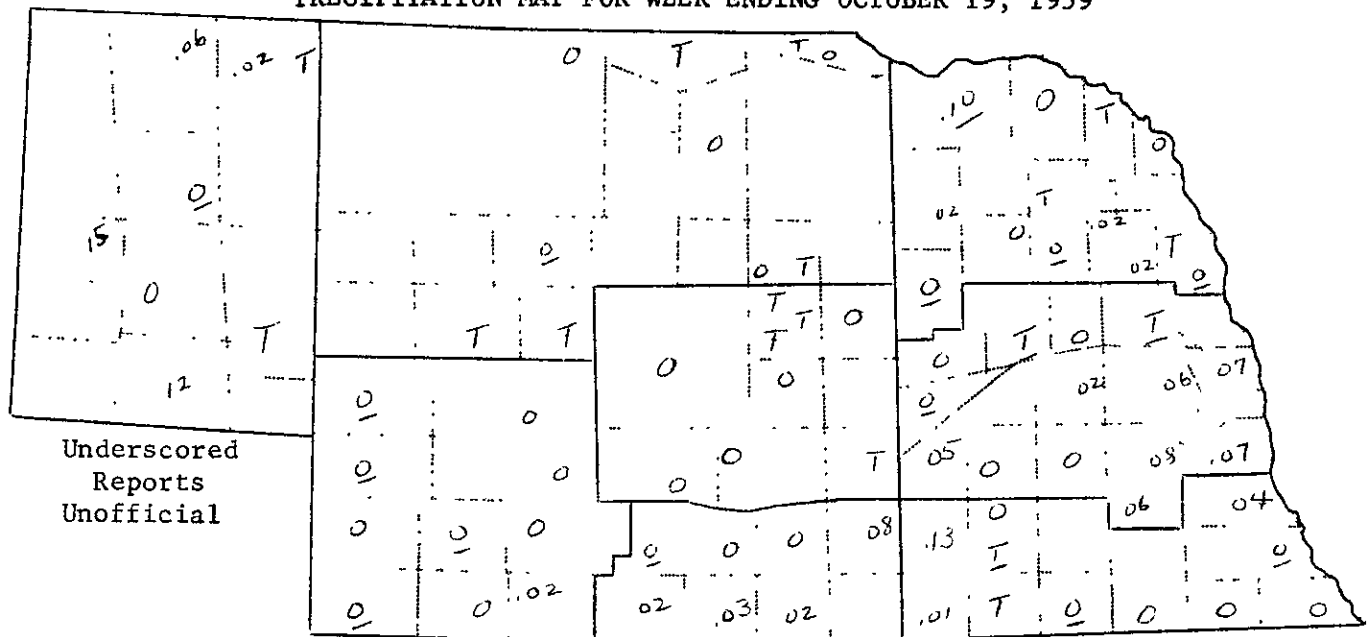
Farmers were busy finishing up silo filling and putting up the late hay cuttings. Many were getting cribs and other storages in shape for the big fall harvest.

LIVESTOCK Livestock are in good, thriving condition. A few local areas hit by severe dry weather this summer have a short hay and feed supply, but most counties have ample to surplus hay and feed for the winter. Cattle feeding continues on a high level with 22 percent more cattle and calves in feed lots than a year ago.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT ON PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 19, 1959

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	.06
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	.03
Omaha	.02			Sidney	.12
Sioux City	0				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 19, 1959



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		October		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	62	34	62	34	68	36	75	43	50	24	65	31	77	28		
	Scottsbluff	65	37	64	37	69	38	76	40	47	25	64	30	78	31		
	Sidney	62	39	63	33	67	39	76	38	45	24	63	28	80	30		
NC	Burwell	63	35	--	32	70	38	--	45	--	19	--	26	--	--		
	Valentine	46	31	60	32	67	40	80	44	47	19	66	28	82	32		
NE	Norfolk	65	32	53	34	66	44	79	48	57	24	57	33	73	40		
	Sioux City	61	33	51	33	64	41	77	50	56	27	58	31	72	40		
Cen	Grand Island	67	35	55	39	69	47	79	47	52	24	57	35	74	42		
EC	Lincoln	63	36	52	36	70	48	77	51	63	32	56	40	71	46		
	Omaha	62	35	48	34	66	42	76	50	61	28	56	34	70	44		
SW	Imperial	67	35	65	41	71	40	81	40	52	25	62	29	80	37		
	North Platte	60	30	64	29	69	35	81	36	52	17	62	24	79	26		

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